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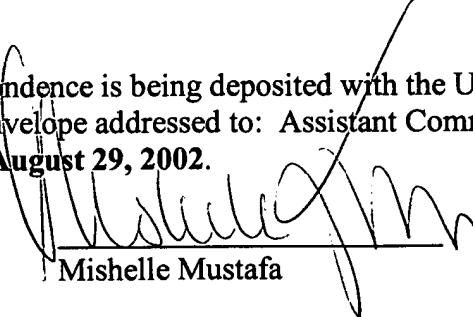
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent EP 0793 184 A2, published September 3, 1997;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,774,661, dated June 30, 1998;
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6. Yu Lei, et al., (1998), "Supporting distributed corporate planning through new coordination technologies", Proceedings Ninth International Workshop on Database and Expert Systems Applications: 559-565.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated June 11, 1999. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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